



**THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



**COMBINED MEETING AGENDA**

November 23, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

The Committees were advised that moving forward the joint meeting would run by the hosting Committee (this year GEAC). Motions would be put forward and voted on by the hosting Committee. The next joint meeting will be hosted by GAgAC. The Committee that is not hosting will attend as guests and have the opportunity to provide input and comment on agenda items.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Environmental Advisory Committee members were in attendance:

Councillor Dave Neeson, Chair  
Debbie Molnar, Vice Chair  
Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff  
Kelly Mingram  
Mary Mallany

The following Agricultural Advisory Committee members were in attendance:

Brad Smockum, Chair  
Bart Johnson, Vice Chair  
James (Jim) Lockie  
Councillor Dave Harding  
Brenda Rae  
Linda Harrison

The following Committee members was absent with regrets:

Hailey Punt – GEAC  
Katie Davis - GEAC  
Sally Krigstin - GEAC  
Glenda Hamilton - GAgAC

The following staff member was in attendance:

Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Debbie Molnar, Seconded by Mary Mallany

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC- 2017-0029**

That the November 7, 2017 agenda for the annual joint Georgina Agricultural Advisory and Environmental Advisory Committees meeting be approved with correction to the Next Meeting Date (which is tentatively set for November 22, 2018).

**Carried.**

## 4. MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Members went around the table and introduced themselves.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - *None*6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA - *None*7. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) Minutes from 2016 joint meeting, to be received

(2) Ontario Continuing Fight Against Invasive Species

(3) Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor visits Georgina

Councillor Neeson provided an overview of the round table discussion that took place on SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities on October 27, 2017. The Committees were advised of the Lieutenant Governors priorities one of which was the UN sustainability Goal. The Lieutenant Governor then attended Clear Water Farm for a Canada 150 unveil.

(4) Crown Bees ([www.CrownBees.com](http://www.CrownBees.com))

The Committees discussed their observations with respect to local Bees and the awareness that has been raised in relation to Bees.

Moved by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff, Seconded by Mary Mallany

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC- 2017-0030**

That Georgina Environmental Committee request the Communications Division share with the public general information on Bee's; including information about local bee keepers and bee friendly plants in spring 2018. And further that Communications notify the public that there are bee keepers willing to take bee's from residents that have swarms so that residents do not have to destroy them.

**Carried.**

- (5) Annual Update on Invasive Species - Purple Loosestrife
- (6) Drinking water of 24 York Region schools fails lead level safety test.

The Committee requested more information/communication/updates regarding the schools in Georgina that have failed the lead level safety test.

Kelly Mingram offered to research online to see if there are any follow up reports..

- (7) How 'Bout Them Ontario Apples

Moved by Kelly Mingram, Seconded by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC- 2017-0031**

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee and Environmental Advisory Committee receive the following Communication items:

1. Minutes from 2016 joint meeting.
2. Ontario Continuing Fight Against Invasive Species
3. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor visits Georgina
4. Crown Bees
5. Annual Update on Invasive Species - Purple Loosestrife
6. Drinking water of 24 York Region schools fails lead level safety test
7. How 'Bout Them Ontario Apples

**Carried.**

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) GEAC year in review and plans for 2018

Mary Mallany provided an overview of her experience at the Ontario Invasive Plant Council Conference and Annual General Meeting in Ottawa (Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>).

Moved by Mary Mallany, Seconded by Debbie Molnar

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC- 2017-0032**

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee request Council direct staff to investigate the possibility of an invasive plant management strategy similar to York Region (forest) and the City of London's invasive plant management strategies.

**Carried.**

- (2) GEAC year in review and plans for 2018

Chair Councillor Neeson discussed the accomplishments/recommendations of the Committee for 2017.

- (3) GAgAC year in review and plans for 2018

GAgAC Chair Brad Smockum reviewed the accomplishments/recommendations of the GAgAC Committee for 2018.

10. 2018 MEETING

- (1) November 22, 2018 (tentative - pending election year schedule and 2018-2022 Term of Council)

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff, Seconded by Mary Mallany

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC- 2017-0033**

That the annual joint Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:49 PM.

**Carried.**